

FROM THE STATE CAPITAL.

The Mitchell Mandamus Case Resumed in the Supreme Court.

SNIDE INSURANCE COMPANIES.

A Novel Church Entertainment—A Crooked Second Hand Goods Dealer—A Newby Budget of Small Items.

[FROM THE BEE'S LINCOLN BUREAU.]

The supreme court convened yesterday morning and the first case under consideration was the Judge Mitchell mandamus. Judge Mason appeared and argued the case for the intervenor and contended that inasmuch as the constitution gave the legislature the right to increase the number of judges and the judicial districts every four years, and the legislature having failed to take advantage of that right in 1883, that, therefore, the right still remained with them, and they exercised no power beyond that given to them by that body increasing them in 1888.

The court now has the matter under advisement and it will probably be a week before a decision will be reached.

In an interview with Attorney General Leese yesterday morning, he said that he was informed that the certain insurance company of Beatrice was doing business in this state, on the same plan as the Farmers & Mechanics association, just ruled out of business by the supreme court, but on inquiry he found that there was two companies in Beatrice, one of which had complied with the law and had its cash capital of \$100,000. The other had been working at the Farmers & Mechanics plan, but immediately stopped business when he commenced his suit against the Farmers & Mechanics association, and he was informed that they would discontinue their business and be confined with the law. The attorney general said he was determined to do his duty, as he understood it, and as the people had elected him to protect them against such illegal insurance companies, he was willing and bound to see that the necessary protection would be given them. He said further, that at present he had his hands full of business, but as soon as he had time he would get into other and different snide institutions which have been operating in this state to the great financial detriment of the people.

THE JAPANESE WEDDING.

A Japanese wedding occurred Monday night in the Baptist church of this city. This is a novel and interesting kind of entertainment and drew a large audience. The admission was 25 cents, and netted the society \$70. The proceeds go to the benefit of the church. The performance consisted of a pantomime, and represented a Japanese wedding—with bride and bridegroom, and several attendants, and dressed in the costumes of Japan, together with the old lady who had arranged the marriage between the groom and bride for a financial consideration. The wedding was a comedy, and the Japanese were two Chinamen, who, by their great applause, seemed to take a great interest in the mock ceremony. Mr. Barnaby, who was the officiating minister, and Mrs. Wilkinson acted as his substitute and was accorded great praise. Mr. Spinkoff recited "Church Bells" in a very acceptable manner. On the whole, the wedding was a success, both financially and in the matter of amusement.

FOLLOWING HIS FORMER EMPLOYER.

The case of Dobbins, who was arrested Monday and charged with receiving stolen goods, knowing them to be stolen, came up yesterday before Just. C. Brown. The principal witness against him was a thief who sold the goods to Dobbins, and he secreted them in his home, in a back yard where he had dug a hole in the ground and buried them. Follietti, the thief, stated that Dobbins knew that he had stolen them, because he told him so, and Wilson, who was the principal witness against him, stated that he had stolen them, because he told him so, and Wilson, who was the principal witness against him, stated that he had stolen them, because he told him so.

CITY BREVITIES.

The commissioners appointed by the county judge to condemn and appropriate the houses and lots in north Lincoln for the use of the Union Pacific Co. are now preparing their report to the county judge. A great deal of dissatisfaction seems to be arising among some of the owners of the property condemned on account of the price offered for the property, but it is hoped that the matter will be settled amicably, as the Union Pacific is desirous of getting to work at the earliest moment.

A new coal shed is very much needed at the engine house of the water works. At present the coal is thrown upon a ground and is unprotected from the storm and the coal is lost. The bids which were handed in a short time ago were so high that it was thought that it would be cheaper to do without a coal house.

Detective Pond, of this city, claims credit for the arrest of M. E. Lasecher, a notorious thief of this city, who was arrested yesterday at Hastings. The arrest was made on the complaint of Hattie Kellogg, a sold-out woman, who charges him with having sold her a heating stove, and appropriating the proceeds to his own use. Lasecher is now out on bail and his trial comes off this afternoon before Justice Brown. Lasecher contends that the stove was his property, and that he had a right to sell it. The property is worth about \$75.

CITY FATHERS IN SESSION.

Albert Schell Confirmed as a Member of the Board of Public Works.

AN INTERESTING, SPICY MEETING.

The Problem of Free Books for the Public Schools Discussed by Interested Citizens—What It Will Cost.

The City Council.

The regular meeting of the city council was held last evening, President Bechtel in the chair. Present, Messrs. Bailey, Bohm, Dailey, Ford, Furay, Goodrich, Lee, Leader, Schroeder, Thirane, and Mayor.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

From the mayor, approving the ordinance changing the grade of Twentieth street from a point 1,650 feet south of Pierce street to the Union Pacific tracks. Filed.

From the mayor, nominating judges and clerks of election, the same having been appointed by the county commissioners. The action was taken in order to avoid a dispute as to the legality of the appointments already made. Confirmed.

From the city treasurer, reporting that he had tendered to the city council the amount allowed them by the assessors for damages on account of change of grade. The amounts had all been accepted except in one case. Referred.

From the auditor, reporting the arrangements which could be made for insuring the building in Hanscom park. The auditor was instructed to have the building insured for \$100,000.

From the board of public works, submitting estimates in favor of the Barber asphalt paving in the city, amounting to \$1,255,75. \$1,248,18. \$1,038,80, \$32,35. Referred.

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